

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 9-13 and 15-25 constitute the pending claims in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claims 8 and 14 (both now cancelled). Claims 9 and 17 have been amended to depend from Claim 1, and Claim 7 has been cancelled. As amended, all claims incorporate the subject matter of prior Claim 14 and intervening Claim 8, which the Examiner has indicated is allowable. **Thus, Applicants believe that the claims, as amended, are in condition for immediate allowance.**

Applicants note that the formal drawings submitted on December 17, 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.

Rejection of Claims 1-13 and 15-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kato et al. (US 4,812,002) in view of Lin et al. (US 5,591,139).

Claims 1-13 and 15-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kato *et al.* (US 4,812,002) in view of Lin *et al.* (US 5,591,139). Claim 14 is indicated as containing allowable subject matter in view of the cited art. Applicants respectfully disagree that the cited art renders Claims 1-13 and 15-25 obvious. However, solely to expedite allowance of the referenced application, Applicants have herein amended Claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 14 and intervening Claim 8, obviating the rejection.

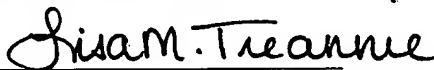
CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections. Applicants believe that the claims are now in condition for allowance and early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited. Any questions arising from this submission may be directed to the undersigned at (617) 951-7000.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this submission, please charge the fees to our **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for herewith, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit account.

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